



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – September 21, 2015

FirstNet News

- Planning continues for the upcoming SPOC meeting on October 7-8, 2015 in Westminster, CO. More than 100 attendees from 48 states and territories have registered thus far. In addition, 5 Tribal Working Group members and 3 PSAC Executive Committee members are registered for the event, which will be followed by a meeting with staffers to the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL). **If you have not yet registered, please visit the [meeting registration website](#). In addition, please reserve your lodging by Tuesday, September 22. As a reminder to registered SPOC meeting attendees: for planning purposes, please complete the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/NPwunF54S9> by COB Monday, September 21 to indicate your preferences for proposed breakout sessions on the second day.**
- This week, FirstNet will participate in the PSAC webinar; the FCC Tribal Broadband, Telecom, and Broadcast Training and Consultation Workshop; the Federal POCs monthly conference call; the Minnesota Statewide Emergency Communications Board meeting; and the Utah Communications Authority FirstNet Outreach and Education meeting.
- Last week, FirstNet participated in the New York Undersheriffs and Supervisors Conference, the Missouri DPS Public Safety Communications Conference, the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association conference, the Emergency Communications Preparedness Committee (ECPC) Steering Committee meeting, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau Annual Conference, a meeting with a Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) delegation (hosted by DHS), the EMS World Expo, and the Oceti Šakowin Power Project (OSPP) deliberations among eight Sioux tribes in South Dakota.
- FirstNet also conducted an initial consultation meeting last week with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
- To date, FirstNet has held 50 initial state consultation meetings involving more than 3,400 public safety representatives. Future consultations are confirmed for: Arizona (9/29), Virginia (9/30), CNMI (10/20), Guam (10/22), and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

News from the PSAC, States, and Territories

- FirstNet will host the fourth association staff briefing in Washington, DC on September 29.
- The PSAC Executive Committee (EC) will meet in Reston, VA on September 30.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Media coverage was heavy this week and included local press reports on data collection and FirstNet planning efforts in some states. National trade publications reported extensively on FirstNet's release of the updated Operational Architecture, which was the topic of a blog post last Friday.

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FirstNet Updates Operational Architecture

<http://mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13405>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) released an updated operational architecture that incorporates inputs from more than 10,000 comments to its special notice and draft request for proposals (RFP). The number of functions increased from 615 to 647, and numerous titles were updated to provide clarity and more description.

Fierce Wireless Tech: FirstNet Moves Toward Final RFP With Update To Functions, Operational Architecture

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/firstnet-moves-toward-final-rfp-update-functions-operational-architecture/2015-09-14>

The organization, which has been tasked with creating a unified national first responders' network as the final recommendation of the 9/11 commission, announced four alterations in its operational architecture documents in a blog post on Friday, the 14th anniversary of the attack that spurred its creation.

Urgent Communications: Where will FirstNet be next 9/11?

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/where-will-firstnet-be-next-911>

As we observed the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedies last week, FirstNet officials were busy preparing for the release of a final RFP by the end of year. By the same time next year, we should know a lot more about the effort to build a nationwide broadband network for public safety—good or bad.

StateScoop: New Mexico CIO Sees Innovation Opportunities Along Border

<http://statescoop.com/new-mexico-cio-sees-innovation-opportunities-along-border/>

New Mexico is in the midst of constructing a public safety broadband network as part of a First Responder Network Authority “Early Builders” project. Much of the work occurs right along the border.

KMVT.COM-ID: New Wireless Network Dedicated For Idaho First Responders

<http://www.kmvt.com/content/news/New-wireless-network-dedicated-for-Idaho-first-responders-327796451.html>

Idaho's emergency responders will be getting a dedicated network for wireless data connectivity in the next few years...Now, the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is in the planning stages of building what will be called FIRSTNET.

High County Press-NC: Avery County Encourages Residents To Fill Out Survey In Effort To Increase Broadband

<http://www.hcpres.com/news/avery-county-encourages-residents-to-fill-out-survey-in-hopes-of-increasing-broadband-internet.html>

The N.C. Broadband effort is moving under the Office of Information Technology Services to provide for better coordination and resource sharing across State agencies around broadband and digital infrastructure. The new Office of Digital Infrastructure aligns the foundational pieces of the N.C. Broadband effort and the FirstNet initiative under the Office of the State CIO (SCIO) to provide for better coordination and resource sharing across state agencies around broadband and digital infrastructure.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media was active this week. Twitter increased by about 35 followers to 2,679 followers; LinkedIn increased to 955 users; YouTube increased to 160 subscribers; and Google+ has 53 users.

New blog entries include [FirstNet's Operational Architecture: The Scope of the NPSBN](#) and recaps of the Ohio and Connecticut Consultation meetings. All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.